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Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of CHOU, KEHSING J., HUANG, MEI-ING W., LEE, TAEJAE, SOETARMAN, BASUKI N., SUMMERS, ROBERT NELSON entitled THE ARCHITECTURE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A DYNAMIC RMI SERVERCONFIGURATION HIERARCHY TO SUPPORT FEDERATED SEARCH AND UPDATE ACROSS HETEROGENEOUS DATASTORES  
**Assignee: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP.**  
Our Ref: A8010

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/399,696 (Confirmation No. 2558 ) filed on September 21, 1999 of CHOU, KEHSING J., HUANG, MEI-ING W., LEE, TAEJAE, SOETARMAN, BASUKI N., SUMMERS, ROBERT NELSON entitled THE ARCHITECTURE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A DYNAMIC RMI SERVER CONFIGURATION HIERARCHY TO SUPPORT FEDERATED SEARCH AND UPDATE ACROSS HETEROGENEOUS DATASTORES.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2172.

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

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**\$740.00**

A check for the statutory fee of \$740.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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